

<b>DATE:</b>	2022 February 7
<b>TO:</b>	All Lethbridge and Area Physicians and Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
<b>FROM:</b>	Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Discontinuation of CO2 Fluid Testing</b>

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### Key Message

- Effective **February 14, 2022**, CO2 Fluid testing will no longer be performed at Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge.
- Electrolytes Fluid testing will include Sodium, Potassium, Chloride only.
- There have been no requests for CO2 fluid in the past year, so impact should be minimal.

### How this will impact you

- CO2 will not be routinely available on the Fluid electrolyte panel.

### Action Required

- Be aware that electrolytes fluid testing will no longer include CO2 fluid.
- Body fluid instructions have been updated.
- Test Directory has been updated to remove CO2 fluid.

### Effective

- February 14, 2022

### Inquiries and feedback may be directed to

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